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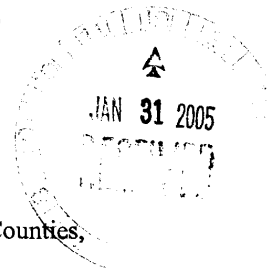
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January 21, 2005

Mr. Vernon Williams, Secretary
United States Surface Transportation Board (STB)
1925 K Street NW, Room 700
Washington, DC 20423-0001

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Re: Florida West Coast Railroad Abandonment in Alachua and Gilchrist Counties,
Florida, STB Docket Number AB-347 (Sub-No. 3X)

Statement of Willingness To Assume Financial Responsibility

Dear Secretary Williams:

This request is filed on behalf of the Office of Greenways and Trails, which is an office of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

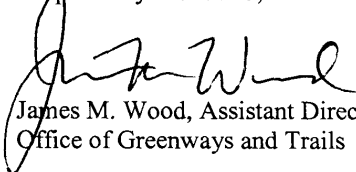
In order to establish interim trail use and railbanking under section 8(d) of the National Trails System Act, 16 U.S.C. §1247(d), and 49 CFR §1152.29, is willing to assume full responsibility for management of the right-of-way as a recreational trail.

The property, to be known as the Nature Coast Trail Extension, extends from railroad milepost 734.0 near Trenton, FL to railroad milepost 721.0 near Newberry, FL, a distance 13 of miles in Alachua and Gilchrist counties. The right-of-way is part of a line of railroad proposed for abandonment in STB Docket No. AB-347 (Sub-No. 3X).

A map depicting the right-of-way is attached.

The Office of Greenways and Trails acknowledges that use of the right-of-way is subject to the user's continuing to meet its responsibilities and subject to possible future reconstruction and reactivation of the right-of-way for rail service.

Respectfully submitted,


James M. Wood, Assistant Director
Office of Greenways and Trails

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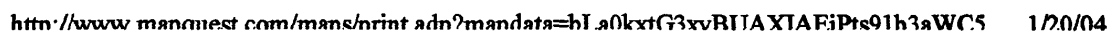
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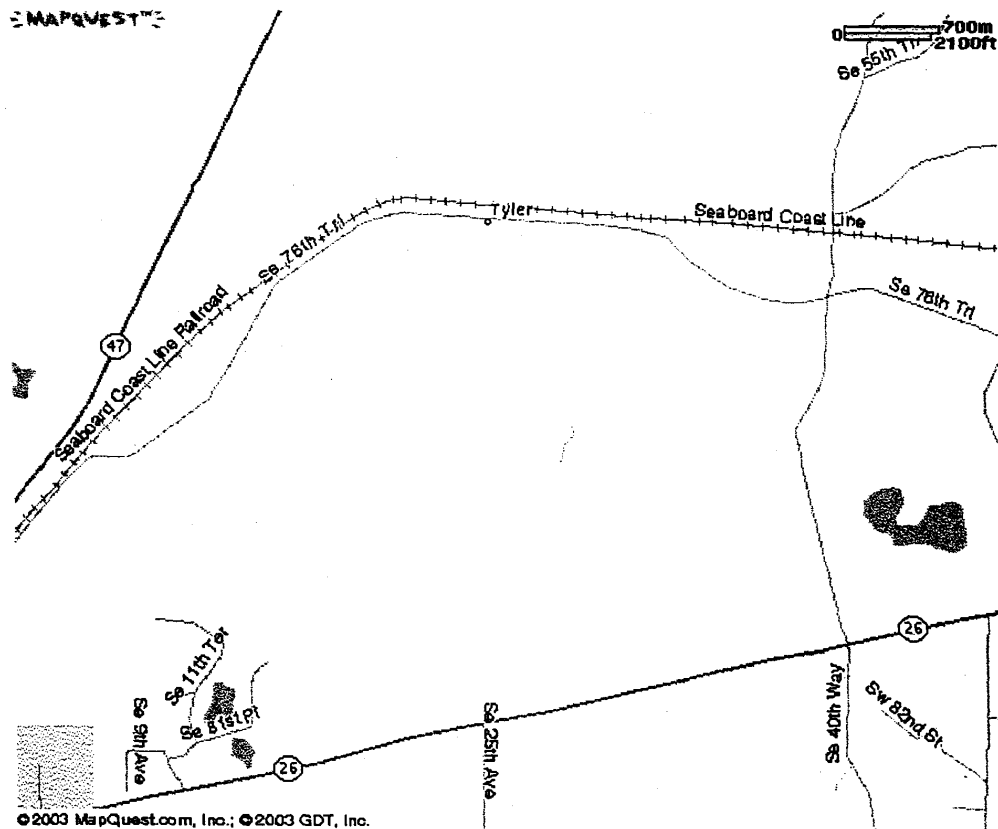
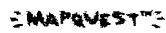
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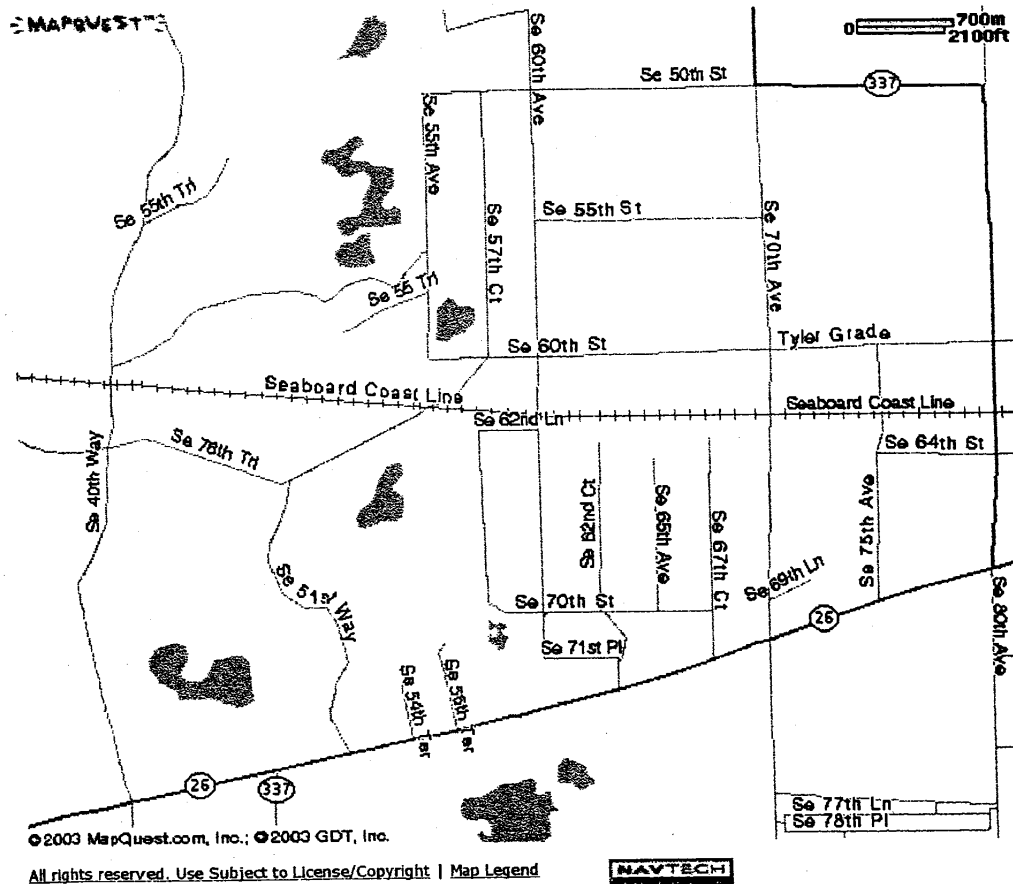
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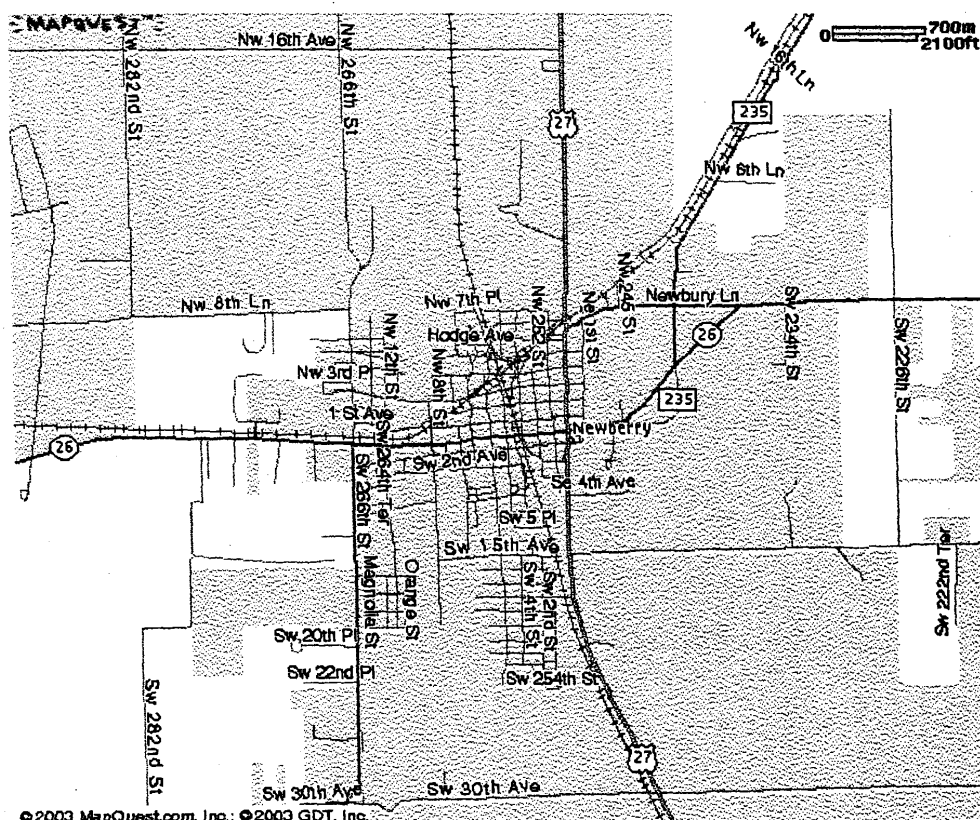
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